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- The present numerical strength of the Freies Deutschland organization is estimated to be about 90,000 to 95,000 members. All officers are enrolled in a sub-organization, the League of German Officers. The bulk of these officers live in a camp some 40 kilometers west of Moscow.
- Living conditions for the officers are said to be very good. In addition to learning Russian, there are no restrictions on the officers' studying military strategy, tactics, and technical questions. German officers and Russians of the Soviet Army academies (Voenno Akademii RKKA) work jointly in a library with military history archives and in ballistics laboratories. Of the twelve Soviet Army academies, the following four maintain permanent liaison officers with the German camp:
 - Lenin Military Political Academy (Voenno Politicheskaya Akademiya imeni V.I. Lenina), Moscow.
 - Kuibyshev Military Engineering Academy (Voenno Inzhenernaya Akademiya imeni V.V. Kuibisheva), Moscow.
 - Molotov Quartermaster Academy (Voenno Khoz'yaistvennaya Akademiya imeni V.M. Molotova), Leningrad.
 - Dzerzhinski Artillery Academy (Artilleriskaya Ordena Lenina Akademiya imeni F. Dzerzhinskova), Moscow.

It is further reported that German Luftwaffe officers, especially those of the former Air District School, Prague, are used as assistant instructors at the Military Air Academy (Voenno Vozdushnaya Akademiya), Moscow.

Comment: War Dept. Technical Manual, TM 30-430, Handbook on the USSR Military Forces, dated November 1945, lists the Molotov Quartermaster Academy as located in Kharkov.

- The League of German Officers, which at one time numbered more than 7,800 officers,

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including about 30 generals, now has about 3,300 in the camp. Of the rest, some are in the Soviet Army, serving chiefly in the Far East Corps. The number of naval officers is very small, but some 25 are serving in the Russian Baltic fleet, in GUNOR (Glavnoye Upravleniye po Morskim Delam - Marine Chief Administration), and as submarine advisors to the Nachstanors (Nachalnik Shtaba Morskikh Sil - Chief of Staff of the Navy).

4. Some of the members of the officers' group have been discharged and are now serving as civil servants in administrative and managerial posts in the Russian Zone of Germany. All of them are graduates of the six-month courses of the Marx-Lenin Institute. Included in the roster of those holding key positions in the Soviet Zone administration are the following:

25X1	Bechler, Walter	- former major, bearer of the Knights Cross, now Minister of the Interior, Land Brandenburg. [redacted]
	Boehm	- former first lieutenant, now Chief of Student Affairs in the Central Administration for Education for the Russian Zone.
	Doernberg	- former first lieutenant, now Section Chief, Mecklenburg provincial government.
25X1 25X1	Frost	- former captain, now Oberbürgermeister, Stralsund. [redacted] [redacted] to have been a technical sergeant when he deserted to the Russians.)
	Hadermann, Ernst	- former captain, now school superintendent.
	Kroning	- former Ob. Insp. der Luft, now Police Chief, Stralsund.
	Markgraf, Paul	- former first lieutenant (reported in <u>News Chronicle</u> to have been a colonel), bearer of the Knights Cross, now Police Chief of Berlin.
25X1	Reichart	- former captain, now Landrat, Schwerin. [redacted]
	Seitz	- former major, now Oberbürgermeister, Schwerin.
25X1 25X1	Simon	- former first lieutenant, now Ministerial Director, Schwerin. (Presumably the Herbert Simon reported [redacted])
	Steidel, Luitpold	- former lieutenant colonel, now Department Chief in the Central Administration for Agriculture for the Russian Zone.

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